

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A towing assembly, comprising:

a hitch ball receiver having at least one acircular recess having a sidewall;

a hitch ball; and

a base integrally formed with the hitch ball, the base having a perimeter, wherein a substantial portion of the perimeter of the base is engageable with the sidewall of the recess to prevent rotation of the hitch ball during installation.

2. (cancelled)

3. (cancelled)

4. (previously presented) The towing assembly of claim 1, wherein said hitch ball receiver includes a first face and a second face, said recess being provided in said first face.

5. (original) The towing assembly of claim 4, further including a second recess, said second recess being provided in said second face.

6. (original) The towing assembly of claim 5, further including a spacer sized and shaped to be received in either of said recess and said second recess.

7. (previously presented) The towing assembly of claim 6, wherein said recess and said second recess having a substantially oval shape with two parallel flats thereon.

8. (previously presented) The towing assembly of claim 1, wherein said recess is a channel.

9. (previously presented) The towing assembly of claim 8, wherein said hitch ball receiver is a ball mount head.

10 – 16 (cancelled)

17. (original) The towing assembly of claim 1, wherein said hitch ball receiver is a hitch bar.

18. (previously presented) The towing assembly of claim 17, wherein said hitch bar includes a tongue.

19. (previously presented) The towing assembly of claim 18 wherein said recess is provided in said tongue.

20 – 21 (cancelled)

22. (previously presented) The towing assembly of claim 19, wherein said tongue includes a first face and a second face, said recess being provided in said first face.

23. (previously presented) The towing assembly of claim 22, further including a second recess, said second recess being provided in said second face.

24. (previously presented) The towing assembly of claim 23, further including a spacer sized and shaped to be received in either of said recess or said second recess.

25. (previously presented) The towing assembly of claim 24, wherein said recess and said second recess have a substantially oval shape with two parallel flats thereon.

26 – 35 (cancelled)

36. (new) A towing assembly, comprising:

a hitch ball having a base integrally formed therein;

a shank extending from the base of the hitch ball;

a hitch ball receiver having at least recess wherein the base is engageable with the recess to prevent rotation of the hitch ball during installation; and

an aperture in the hitch receiver shaped and sized to receive the shank of the hitch ball, wherein the aperture has a perimeter, and further wherein a substantial portion of the perimeter of the aperture is surrounded by the recess.

37. (new) The towing assembly of claim 36 wherein the recess has a sidewall with a perimeter, and further wherein the base is engageable with a substantial portion of the perimeter of the sidewall to prevent rotation of the hitch ball during installation

38. (new) The towing assembly of claim 37 wherein the perimeter of the sidewall corresponds in length to a perimeter of the base.

39. (new) A towing assembly, comprising:

- a hitch ball receiver having at least one acircular recess having a sidewall;

- a hitch ball; and

- a base integrally formed with the hitch ball, wherein the base is engageable with the sidewall of the recess to prevent rotation of the hitch ball during installation wherein said hitch ball receiver includes a first face and a second face, said recess being provided in said first face further including a spacer sized and shaped to be received in either of said recess and said second recess.

40. (new) The towing assembly of claim 39 wherein a perimeter of the base corresponds in length to a perimeter of the sidewall.

41. (new) The towing assembly of claim 40 wherein the base engages a substantial portion of the perimeter of the sidewall to prevent rotation of the hitch ball during installation.